

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LIMITING ACCESS TO A
STORAGE SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A storage network device responds in a positive or negative manner to a connection request from another storage network device, based on vendor or manufacturer-related information. In this way, subsequent communication can be prevented. This is advantageous for limiting access to a device by devices which are properly certified, or otherwise sufficiently tested, thus improving reliability and performance.

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